

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 June 67 / 12 / 0300Z	2. LOCATION Phoenix, Arizona
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Insufficient Data
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Lack of specific date precludes a positive identification
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-5 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	SEE CASE FILE
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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LINDHEIMER ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH CENTER

28 February 1968

FTD (TDETR)
Research and Aerial Phenomena Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

Attn: TDPT (UFO)

Subj: Sighting of 17 June 1967, Phoenix, Arizona,
enclosed with your letter of 19 February 1968

To: Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr.

1. I find that there is not enough information to attempt a firm evaluation. Information on the "light curve" would be specifically needed. This might be obtained through interrogation of the witness, but since the witness is a 12-year old boy his subjective impressions of the event may color the objective facts to such an extent that we still will not get firm data.
2. If you authorize it, I will be happy to make a phone call to Mr. Perry and attempt a further evaluation of the facts.
3. From the limited data at hand, a meteor explanation seems to be the most likely even though five seconds is too long a time to cover the limited arc indicated. His time estimate may be in error as well as the arc covered. He speaks of "great speed" and this too is in contradiction with the relatively short arc covered in five seconds.
4. I would recommend that the phone call be made.

J. Allen Hynek

J. ALLEN HYNEK, Director
Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center
Department of Astronomy
Northwestern University

JAH:lp

17 JUNE 1967

WDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/17 Feb 66

10 May 1966

UFO Observation, 17 June 1967

Dr. Charles P. Olivier

1. Reference the attached papers from [redacted] on his unidentified observation of 17 June 1967, Tucson, Arizona. Request your comments on the possibility of this being a meteor observation. Do you require any reports for the date and time given in the report? We may have this report for your author files if you wish.

2. Thank you for the continued assistance you have provided to us with regards to meteor observations.

MAJOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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Tpt, 17 Jun 67, Arizona

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UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

1968 Feb. 21

Flower and Cook Observatory

Dear Major Quintanilla:

In reply to your letter of Feb. 19 which concerns an observation by Stephen M. Perry of Phoenix, Ari., of a body he saw on 1967 June 17, our files have been examined and no fireball was reported on that night to us.

However, as explained to you before, this means little as undoubtedly we receive reports of only a small percent of those seen over U.S.A.

The report he sent seems that of a bright meteor or fireball, path, duration and other data all fit in well. As for the flickering, it is not too uncommon for such bodies to change brilliancy during flight. Also very thin clouds behind which it might have passed could cause it. In any case, it would not take the body he saw from the meteor category.

As you suggested, his report is being placed in fireball file here.

Your cooperation in sending us reports is very much appreciated and helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Charles P. Olivier

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TDPT/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr/70916/lsb/11 Jan 68

17 June 67
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UFO Observation, 17 June 1967

[REDACTED]
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

1. This replies to your letter concerning your observation of an unidentified flying object.
2. While reviewing our correspondence files we found your letter in which you reported seeing an unidentified object on 17 June 1967. Because of an error, your sighting was not investigated at that time. We handle over 10,000 letters and investigate approximately 1,000 UFO sightings a year; once in a while an error is made. We regret that this has kept us from investigating your observation. However, if you would complete the inclosed AF Form 117 we will investigate your sighting in an attempt to determine the stimulus for your observation.
3. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force, once again, please excuse us for not responding to your correspondence earlier.

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Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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AF Form 117 w/envelope

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SEP - 1 1967

Dear **S[REDACTED]**:

This replies to your recent letter concerning your observation of an unidentified flying object (UFO).

Without essential information, such as detailed flight characteristics, angular velocities, or weather information, we are unable to undertake a scientific investigation. Had you contacted the UFO investigator at your nearest Air Force base immediately, an on-the-spot investigation would have been possible.

We hope the inclosed Project Blue Book report may be of help to you in identifying your observation.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

BARNETT B. YOUNG
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Attachment

Mr. **S[REDACTED]**
S[REDACTED]
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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✓ Coord Cy - SAF-OIC
Cmbk Cy - SAF-CIC
Activity Cy - SAF-OIC
Reader Cy - SAF-OIC
Stayback

August 28, 1967
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Gentlemen:

On the 17th day of June, 1967, at around 10:00 P.M., I had seen what appeared to be a meteor re-entering into the atmosphere. I have seen many meteors before, but never like this "thing". I saw it enter from the sky, and come down at a great speed for five seconds before it disappeared. The strange thing about it was that it's white light blinked on and off three times before it disappeared. There was no sign of it after it was gone.

Yours truly,


Age 12½

P.S. Please look into this thoroughly.

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, IAW 80-17. (IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON?

DAY 17TH MONTH JUNE YEAR 1967

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 9 MINUTES 0 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

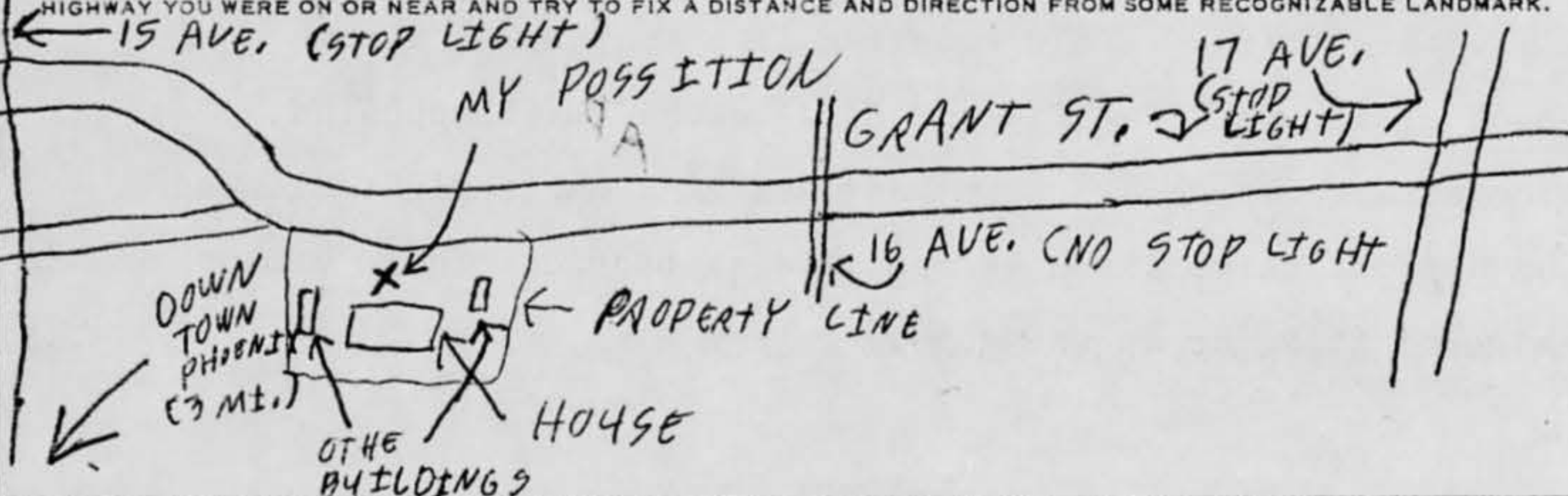
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 9 MINUTES 0 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

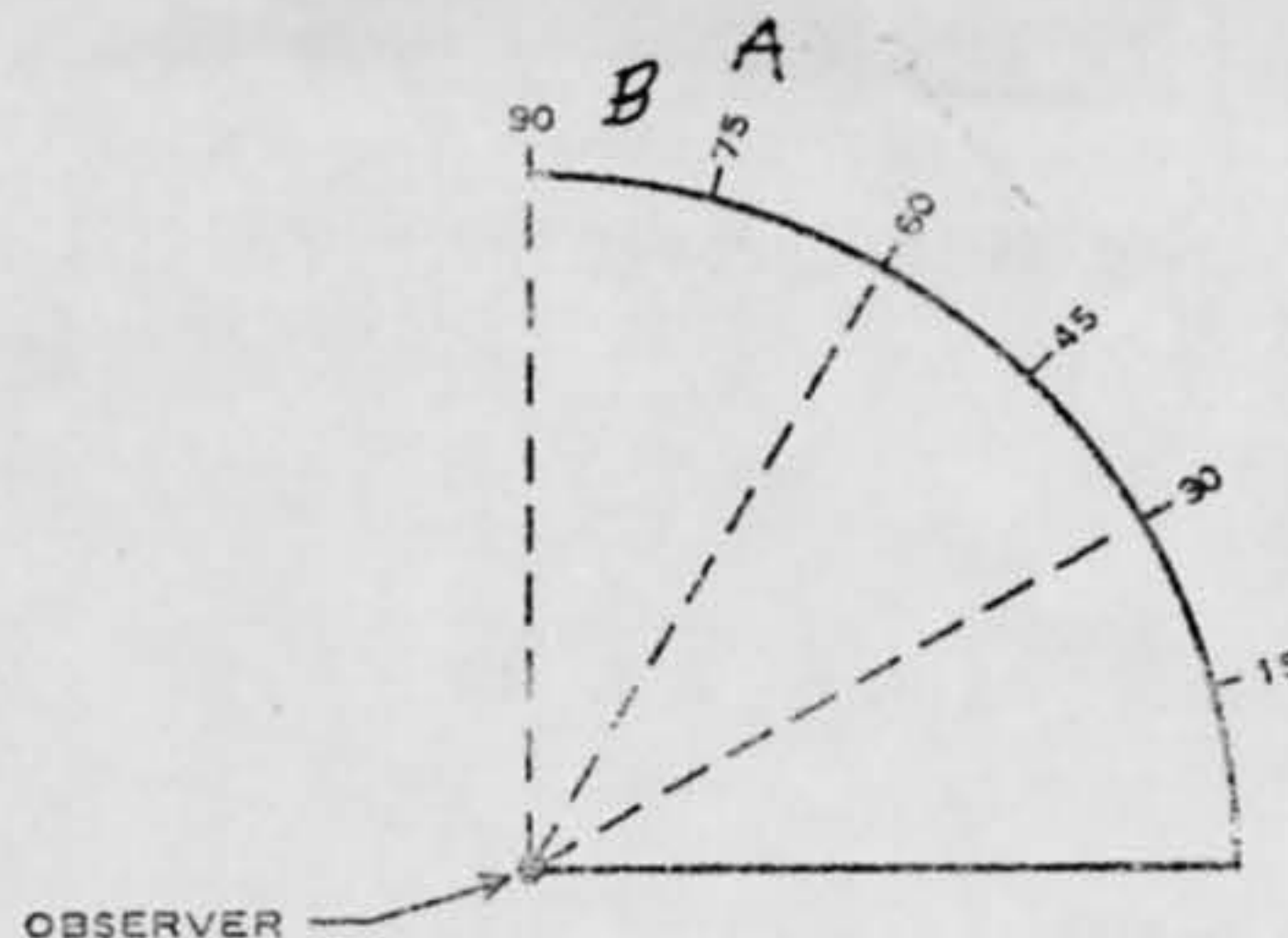
4. TIME/ZONE

☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS☐ STANDARD☐ EASTERN☐ CENTRAL☐ MOUNTAIN☐ PACIFIC☐ OTHER

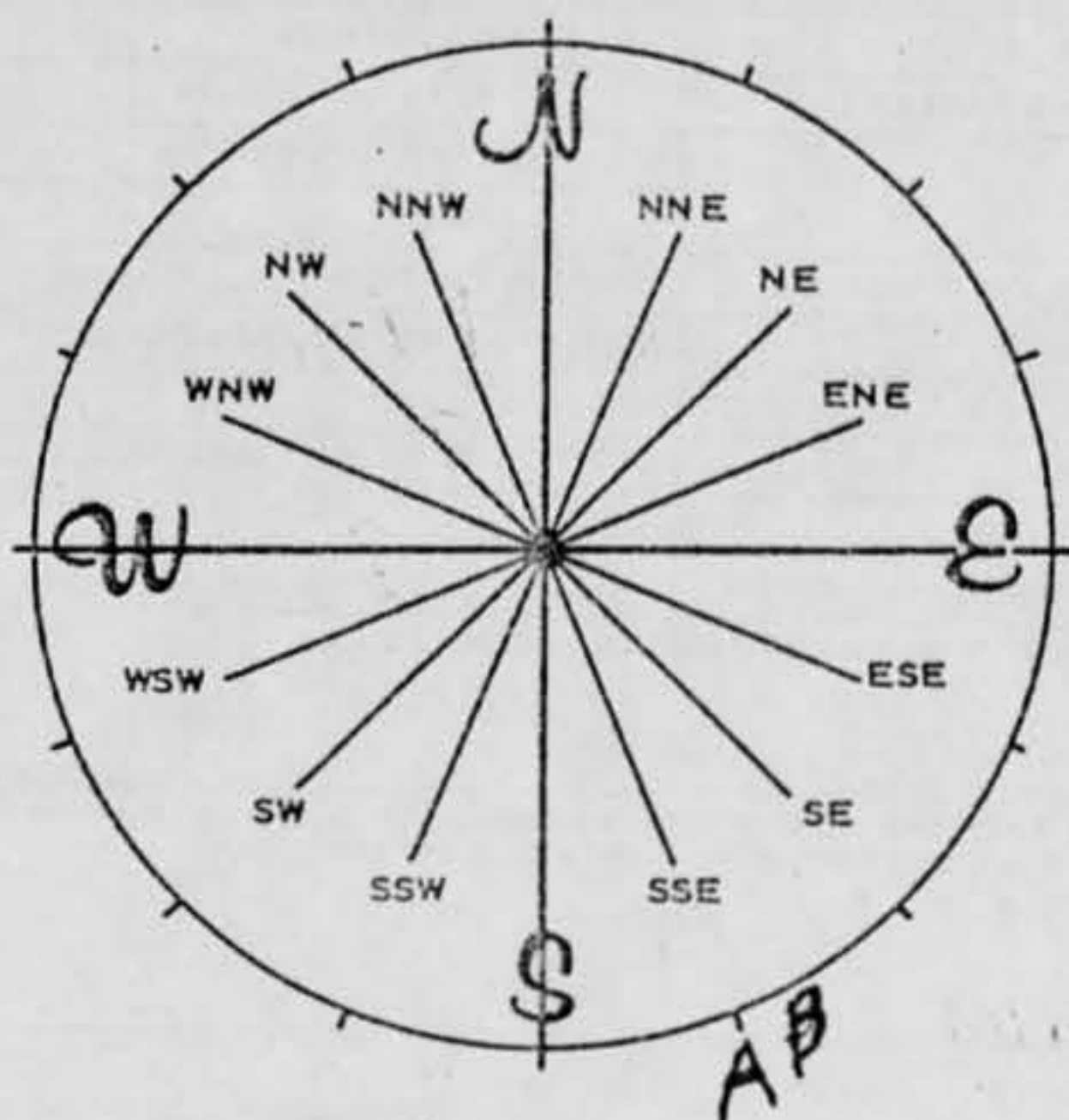
5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.



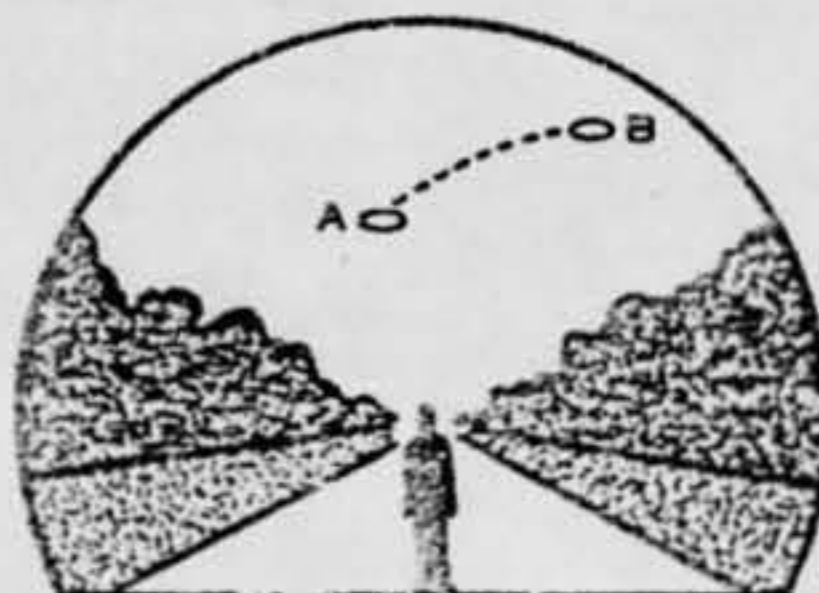
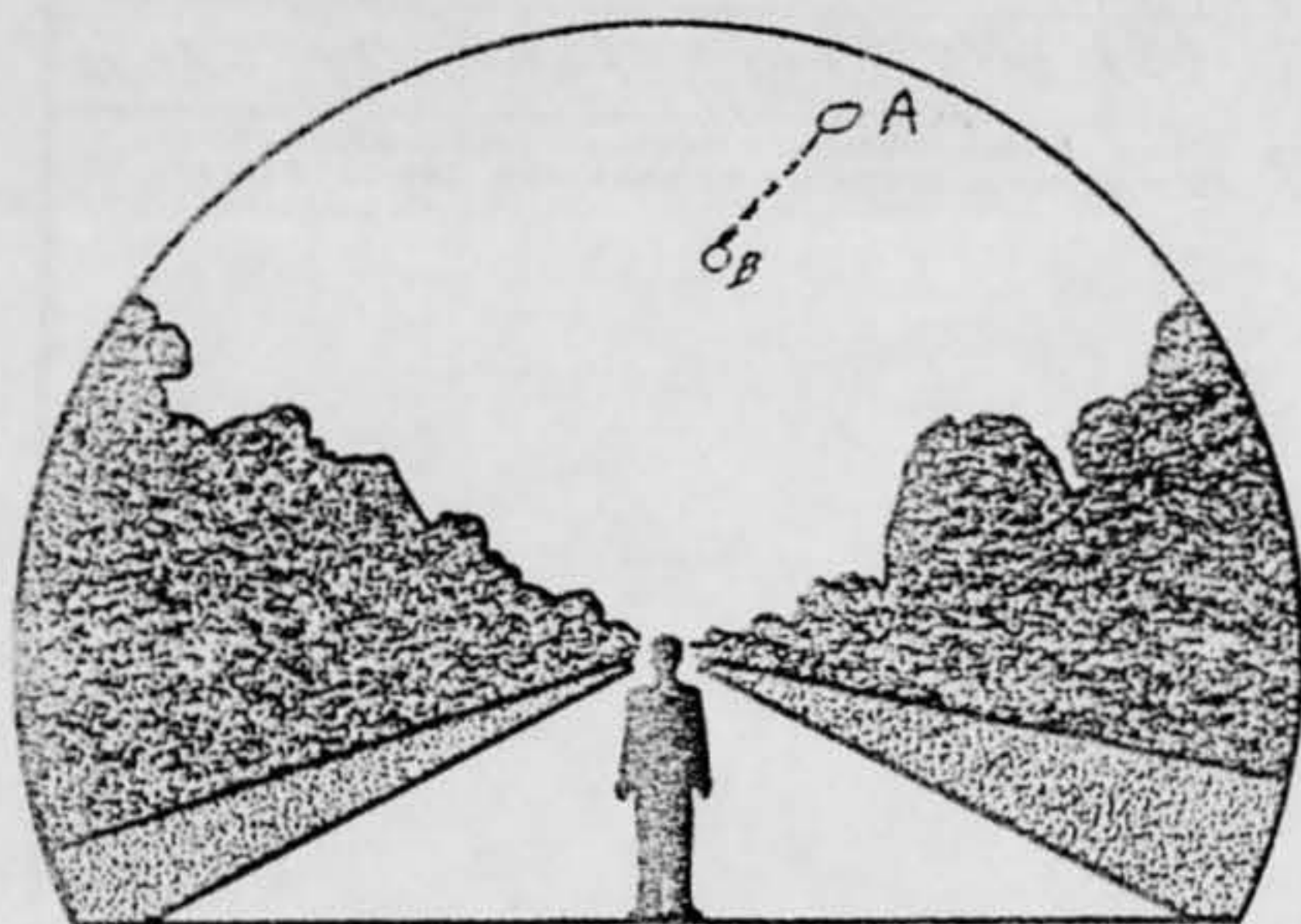
6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH. PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



6A. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.



8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)			
OUTDOORS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY	
IN BUILDING		IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
IN CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AS DRIVER <input type="checkbox"/> AS PASSENGER		IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE	
IN BOAT		NEAR AIRFIELD	
IN AIRPLANE <input type="checkbox"/> AS PILOT <input type="checkbox"/> AS PASSENGER		FLYING OVER CITY	
OTHER		FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY	
		OTHER	
A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:			
WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?		HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?	
NORTH	EAST	DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
SOUTH	WEST		
NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST		
NORTHWEST	SOUTHWEST		
EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT EFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.			
DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.			
HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?			
DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON.			
9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?			
LENGTH OF TIME		CERTAIN OF TIME	NOT VERY SURE
5 SECONDS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIRLY CERTAIN	JUST A GUESS
HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED? THE NUMBER OF FLASHES (3) AND THE TIME OF EACH FLASH.			
WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES.			

10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

There was only one.

11. CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)

A. SKY		B. WEATHER	
<input type="checkbox"/> DAY		<input type="checkbox"/> CUMULUS CLOUDS (Low fluffy)	<input type="checkbox"/> FOG OR MIST
<input type="checkbox"/> TWILIGHT		<input type="checkbox"/> CIRRUS CLOUDS (High fleecy or Herring-bone)	<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY RAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NIGHT		<input type="checkbox"/> NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)	<input type="checkbox"/> LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLEAR		<input type="checkbox"/> CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)	<input type="checkbox"/> HAIL
<input type="checkbox"/> PARTLY CLOUDY			<input type="checkbox"/> SNOW OR SLEET
<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETELY OVERCAST			<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
		<input type="checkbox"/> HAZE OR SMOG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

(1) STARS	(2) MOON
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> BRIGHT MOONLIGHT
<input type="checkbox"/> A FEW	<input type="checkbox"/> MOON WITH HALO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MANY	<input type="checkbox"/> MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS
<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	<input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL (New or quarter)

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

<input type="checkbox"/> IN FRONT OF YOU	<input type="checkbox"/> TO YOUR RIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> OVERHEAD (Near noon)
<input type="checkbox"/> IN BACK OF YOU	<input type="checkbox"/> TO YOUR LEFT	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

50 FT FROM A STREET LAMP

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

It was light, it ~~appeared~~ was self-luminous and was white. It was solid and was ~~so~~ sharp. It was round and appeared to be the size of the north star.

Insufficient data for evaluation
Lack of specific date
makes a positive
identification impossible 022/ In
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UNCLAS SAF 00106 27 JUN 67.

FOR IDEIR AT WPAFB, FOR AFRDC. FPR SAF-01 FOR DR. CONDON.

SUBJECT: UFO SIGHTING.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT.

(1) SHAPE: SLIGHTLY OVAL, BECOMING CIRCULAR.

(2) SIZE COMPARED TO A KNOWN OBJECT: AT LARGEST, SIZE
OF TEACUP HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH.

✓ (3) COLOR: CREAMY WHITE; MORE INTENSE WHITENESS AT CENTER.

(4) NUMBER: ONE.

(5) NOT APPLICABLE.

13.	DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
	MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?	✓		
	STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?		✓	
	SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?		✓	
	BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?		✓	
	CHANGE COLOR?		✓	
	GIVE OFF SMOKE?		✓	
	CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?	✓		
	CHANGE SHAPE?		✓	
	FLASH OR FLICKER?	✓		
	DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?	✓		
	SPIN LIKE A TOP?		✓	
	MAKE A NOISE?		✓	
	FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?		✓	

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

*I was gazing at the many stars
~~it~~ almost straight above me when
it appeared.*

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

*It just vanished after it went
"on and off".*

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?
☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.

APPEAR
DISAPPEAR

15. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

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17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.	
EYEGASSES	CAMERA VIEWER
SUNGLASSES	BINOCULARS
WINDSHIELD	TELESCOPE
SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE	THEODOLITE
WINDOWPANE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (THE NAKED EYE)
A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED <u>500 MPH</u>	19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE <u>50,000 FT.</u>
20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.	
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">It appeared to be resemble a meteor only flickered on and off three times before it disappeared.</p>	
21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.	
A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.	

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO?
☐ YES ☒ NO.

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES (Was only with me, but didn't see it)
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ same address as mine
 (she is my mother)

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 167

AGE ~~XXXX~~ 12½ ☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE

INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.

I am a student of St. Matthews School, in Phoenix Arizona. I am interested in Astronomy and Meteorology.

25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?
 NAME U.S.A.F. WASH.D.C. DAY 18TH MONTH APRIL YEAR 1967

26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.
 DAY 15TH MONTH JANUARY YEAR 1968

27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE,
ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

It appeared out of
nowhere, flashed on and
off three times, and after
five seconds, disappeared.

Sc. 27, 110 /
~~Phoenix, Arizona~~
Phoenix, Arizona
85007

Dear Gentlemen,

Previously⁽⁸⁻¹⁸⁻⁶⁷⁾, I had written to you about a U.F.O. I had sighted. When you wrote to me and had stated that I had "insufficient data." I shall now give you all the information I can. On June the 17TH, 1967, at around 10:00 P.M., I had seen what appeared to be a meteor. The sky was completely clear with moderate temperature. I was staring into the clear, night sky at the stars straight above me, when it appeared. It appeared straight above my house at an extremely high altitude. (my house ~~is~~ is about 3 miles southwest of downtown Phoenix, Arizona) Its light was white and it came straight down with an angle towards the North at about 15°. I could not estimate its high velocity, but I would say around 1,000 miles per hour. It appeared for five seconds, and then disappeared. Between that time, it blinked on and off 3 times. A trail was not left. I did not see an explosion nor hear one.

For that matter, I didn't hear any
sounds at all. There were no other
witnesses at the time. At first I was
convinced it was a meteor, but I've
never seen one behave like it did.
(the blinking, of course) I have seen many
meteors, but not like that "thing".
Please investigate this matter thoroughly.

Thank You

Yours Truly,
~~Wm. S. ...~~
Apr 12 1/2

P. S. Please let us know your
findings.

(6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS: NONE

(7) TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST: NONE.

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(8) SOUND: NONE.

(9) OTHER PERTINENT FEATURES: BRIGHTNESS SEEMED TO VARY SOMEWHAT.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT.

(1) OBSERVERS WERE OUTSIDE THEIR HOME WHEN ONE HAPPENED TO NOTICE THE OBJECT.

(2) OBJECT APPEARED AT APPROXIMATELY 40-45 DEGREES EAST OF NORTH AND 65 DEGREE ELEVATION.

(3) OBJECT DISAPPEARED AT APPROXIMATELY 130-140 DEGREES EAST OF NORTH AND 30-35 DEGREES ELEVATION.

(4) LIGHT MOVED RAPIDLY FROM THE NORTHEAST TOWARD OBSERVERS, VEERED OFF TOWARD THE SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST, DECREASED ALTITUDE, AND, BEFORE DISAPPEARING, APPEARED TO REGAIN PART OF ITS INITIAL ALTITUDE. MOVEMENTS WERE DOLPHINLIKE. ONE OBSERVER SAID IT REMINDED HIM OF AN ABERRANT SKYROCKET.

(5) OBJECT SEEMED TO REcede QUICKLY AND DISAPPEAR INSTANTANEOUSLY BUT DID NOT DROP BELOW THE HORIZON.

(6) OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR ONLY 4-5 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: FROM THE GROUND WITH NO OPTICAL OR ELECTRONIC AIDS.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING.

(1) APPROXIMATELY 2100 MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME, 11 JUNE 1967
(0500 GMT, 12 JUNE 1967) NOTE: DATE INDEFINITE; SEE "CONTENTS"

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS/ DUSK

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: [REDACTED] LANE, PHOENIX, ARIZ;
APPROXIMATELY 33 DEGREES 29 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE, 112 DEGREES
1 MINUTE WEST LONGITUDE.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS.

(1) [REDACTED], 40 [REDACTED] PHOENIX, ARIZ;

ATTORNEY, B.A. AND LLB.; ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY, EXCELLENT.

MR [REDACTED] 37, [REDACTED] PHOENIX, ARIZ.;

HOUSEWIFE, B.A. AND M.A.; ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY, GOOD.

(2) NOT APPLICABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS.

(1) OBSERVERS' ACCOUNT: CLEAR, GOOD VISIBILITY.

(2) WEATHER BUREAU REPORT: SURFACE: 340 DEGREES AT 5 KTS; 6,000
FT.: 130 DEGREES AT 11 KTS; 10,000 FT.: 220 DEGREES AT 17 KTS;
16,000 FT.: 240 DEGREES AT 30 KTS; 20,000 FT.: 230 DEGREES AT
40 KTS, 30,000 FT.: 270 DEGREES AT 57 KTS; 50,000 FT.: 250 DEGREES
AT 30 KTS. NOTE: DATA FOR 60,000 FT NOT AVAILABLE.

(3) CEILING: ABOVE 20,000 FT.

(4) VISIBILITY: 15 MILES.

(5) AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER: HIGH THIN SCATTERED CLOUDS ABOVE
20,000 FT.

(7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT: PLUS 10 TO 30,000.

H. NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL OR ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY ASCERTAINED.

I. NO INTERCEPTION ACTION (REPORT OF SIGHTING WAS NOT MAILED UNTIL AT LEAST 7 DAYS AFTER THE EVENT).

J. AREA OF SIGHTING IS NEAR TRAFFIC PATTERNS FOR SKY HARBOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IN SOUTHEAST PHOENIX. THREE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FROM THE NORTHWEST WERE DUE INTO SKY HARBOR AT THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF THE SIGHTINGS.

K. PREPARING OFFICER: JAMES R. CASTAGNO, 2/LT, USAF. COMMENTS: MR. STEINER SEEMED WELL-QUALIFIED TO REPORT UNUSUAL AERIAL ACTIVITY. HE HAS AN INTEREST IN SKYWATCHING AND IS FAMILIAR WITH AIRCRAFT LIGHTS, THE APPEARANCE OF SATELLITES, AND CONSTELLATIONS. IT WAS NOT HE, HOWEVER, BUT HIS WIFE WHO SAW THE OBJECT FIRST AND FOR THE LONGEST TIME. WHEN HE FIRST CAUGHT SIGHT OF IT, IT HAD RECEDED TO ABOUT THE BRIGHTNESS OF A FIRST MAGNITUDE STAR. IN [REDACTED]'S ORIGINAL LETTER HE SET THE DATE OF THE SIGHTING AS "POSSIBLY ON JUNE 7". IN AN INTERVIEW HE MODIFIED THIS TO EITHER JUNE 7 OR 8 BUT LATER, BY RELATING THE DATE OF SIGHTING

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TO THE APPEARANCE OF THE MOON, HE CONCLUDED THAT THE SIGHTING PROBABLY TOOK PLACE JUNE 11. OWING TO THIS AND OTHER FACTORS, IDENTIFICATION OF THE OBJECT IS IMPOSSIBLE. TWO LIKELY POSSIBILITIES, EACH WITH WEAKNESSES, CAME TO MIND: (1) THAT IT WAS INDEED AN AIRCRAFT LIGHT OF SOME SORT, AND (2) THAT IT WAS A HOT AIR BALLOON MADE OF A POLYETHYLENE GARMENT BAG AND CANDLE. THESE BALLOONS, MADE BY CHILDREN, HAVE BEEN THE SOURCE OF SEVERAL UFO REPORTS IN RECENT MONTHS. THE AIRCRAFT POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, FAILS TO EXPLAIN LACK OF SOUND, THE SPEED, THE APPEARANCE OF ONLY ONE LIGHT, AND THE ERRATIC MOVEMENTS.

THE BALLOON THEORY DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE OBJECT'S APPARENT
SPEED OF ABERRANT MOVEMENTS. THUS, NO DEFINITE CONCLUSION IS
POSSIBLE.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 Jun 67 18/0500Z	2. LOCATION Phoenix, Arizona (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) ✓ JH
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Dr C. P. Olivier, head of the American Meteor Society, stated that he thought the observation was of a meteor and that very thin clouds could have caused the blinking effect.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted what appeared to be a meteor coming down in the SSE. The strange thing was that the light blinked several times before it disappeared.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Descending	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/3 May 68
UFO Observation, 17 June 1967

6 MAY 1968

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

1. Reference your letter of 28 February 1968 with regards to the observation of 17 June 1967, Phoenix, Arizona. In your letter you stated that you feel that the information on this sighting is insufficient for an evaluation and have requested permission to telephone the observer. You may certainly do so if you feel that it is necessary.
2. As you know, we send copies of sightings that appear to have been caused by meteors to Dr. Olivier of the American Meteor Society for their records. In a letter of 21 February 1968, Dr. Olivier stated that he felt the observation was probably that of a meteor. Attached is a copy of his letter; we feel that it will be of interest to you.

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Ltr, fm Dr ~~Quintanilla~~,
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TDPT (UFO) Maj Quintanilla/70916/mhs/17 February 1968
UFO Observation, 17 June 1967

Dr. J. Allen Hynok

Reference the attached report from Stephen M. Perry on his
unidentified observation of 17 June 1967, Phoenix, Arizona.
Request your comments on this observation.

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Sgt, 17 Jun 67, Arizona

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